

limp he's had all his life since suffering from polio at age 3.

But the canes and the limp don't deter long-time educator Carl Weaver. In fact, since his retirement from the Laurel County school system in 2002, Weaver has been busier than ever.

In fact, Weaver depicts the word "busy." With nearly 40 years of teaching experience under his belt, Weaver has always been active in the school, in his personal life, and in his community.

Even while raising his three children, his life has revolved around academics and athletics. During school hours, the classroom setting found him instructing students about history, civics, and psychology. During summer breaks, he taught psychology at Sue Bennett College.

After-school hours found Weaver on the baseball field where he coached the South Laurel High School baseball team for six years. When not on the baseball field, Weaver was the academic team coach for Laurel County High School, and when the county school split into two high schools, he remained on at South Laurel High School as academic team coach, garnering over 20 years in that position. During this time he was an unyielding advocate for the establishment of elementary school academic teams—a goal he not only saw accomplished but saw its success and contributions to the educational programs of the school system where he taught for 33 years.

As if that weren't enough, Weaver also coached baseball for the local Little League teams, coached basketball for the Laurel-London Optimist Club, and served as a 4-H leader. His ties to the baseball field didn't end when he retired in 2002.

"I help with the concession stands at South Laurel now," Weaver said. "My son, Whitney, is assistant baseball coach there."

Weaver's teaching career began in 1963 after graduation from Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands). He attended Sue Bennett College for two years prior to transferring to Cumberland College to pursue his bachelor's degree. After college graduation, he moved to Zanesville, Ohio, and taught seventh- and eighth-grade students for six years before returning to Laurel County.

"I was an undergraduate student and I was only 19 when I started teaching," he said.

He earned his master's degree from Union College while still teaching full-time and raising his own children.

Weaver saw many changes over the span of his career, but his focus always remained on the students who came through his classes. Three of those students were his own children—Wayne, Karen (Davenport), and Whitney.

"I had all three in at least one class during high school," he said, "and I had Karen in her first year at Sue Bennett for psychology class. I never had any problems out of my children in class. I was probably harder on them than on other students."

Many of his former students approach him even now, some of which he said he had in class as many as 30 years ago.

"I always enjoyed teaching. I enjoyed the students," Weaver said. "You meet so many different students and see the uniqueness of each one, their personality. That's really what it's all about is the kids. You're teaching the student, not the subject matter."

He related that he still misses being in the classroom but ongoing problems with his legs prompted him to retire after reaching the 27-year mark.

"I taught for 33 years but the six years in Ohio didn't count toward my retirement time," he explained.

But retirement didn't provide time off from being busy. In fact, between his own ac-

tivities and those with his grandchildren, Weaver says he has more to do now than in the past.

Currently Weaver and his wife of 48 years, Pearl, are helping out in their son's produce stand, located on East Ky. 80 beside Arnold's Place, while they continue to raise strawberries and raspberries on their farm in the Laurel River community. That farm produces the fruits and vegetables that the Weavers display in their produce market—homemade strawberry preserves made by their son Wayne and wife Michelle. Jars of bread-and-butter pickles also adorn the counter of the market, another example of the Weaver's farming products.

"Good to see you," Carl Weaver greets the customers coming in to the produce market during the day, and their parting is accentuated with, "Thanks for stopping by. Come back and see us."

A friendly and informal manner from a man who holds his honorary doctorate in humanities, but the nature of his greeting is reason for the doctorate degree presented by his brother Neal, then president of Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport.

"He gave me an honorary doctorate in humanities because of my long years of work with young people, in the classroom and in the community," Weaver said.

"It's been a good life," he added. "When I started college I planned to pursue a law degree. But somewhere along the lines I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I guess some people look back and see visions of better things but I enjoyed teaching and I never regretted it."

NOMINATION OF WINSLOW LORENZO SARGEANT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship favorably reported out the President's nomination of Dr. Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant to serve as Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

I am pleased that President Obama nominated such a talented individual to this top position at the SBA. His confirmation will complete the SBA's exceptional leadership team.

As Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Dr. Winslow Sargeant brings a unique background to this very important position. With a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in electrical engineering and a background as a very successful small business owner, he is not only well-educated but well-educated about the challenges facing small businesses today.

He is the former managing director of Venture Investors, a Midwest venture capital company with a concentration on starting up healthcare and technology companies. From 2001 to 2005, he served as a program manager for SBIR in electronics at the National Science Foundation. He has also worked at IBM as a staff engineer, at AT&T as technical staff, and as an associate adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

With capable leaders such as Dr. Sargeant at the helm, the agency is more than ready to continue to play an important role in assisting small businesses as they lead this country to an economic recovery. We look forward to

continuing to work with them and to a new era for the SBA and American small businesses.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. NAVY'S 236th BIRTHDAY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, tomorrow, the U.S. Navy celebrates its 236th birthday.

On Friday, October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, passed a resolution to acquire the first two warships for the Continental Navy. It stated "that a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportional number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct."

The Founders recognized the essential nature of a Navy to the strength and longevity of the Nation by authorizing Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy" in article I of the Constitution. A Naval Committee was established to build a fitting Navy for our fledgling country, acquire and fit out vessels for sea, and draw up regulations. The Continental Navy began a proud tradition, carried out for 236 years by our U.S. Navy, to protect our Nation and pursue the causes of freedom we hold so dear.

For the past 236 years, the central mission of the Navy has been to protect the interests of our Nation around the world on the high seas, to fight and win the wars of our Nation, and to maintain control of the sea lines of communication enabling this Nation and other free nations to grow and prosper. Whether in peace or at war, U.S. citizens around the world can rest assured that the U.S. Navy is on watch, ever vigilant, and ready to respond.

U.S. sailors, as both ambassadors and warriors, have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Navy. The core values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" are the guides by which the U.S. sailors live and serve. Today, the U.S. Navy is the most capable, most respected, and most effective sea service in the world.

Seventy-five percent of land in the world is bound by water and 75 percent of the population of the world lives within 100 miles of the sea, assuring that our naval forces will continue to be called upon to respond to emerging crises, to maintain freedom of the sea, to deter would-be aggressors, and to provide our allies with a visible reassurance of support of the United States of America.

As we celebrate our Navy's 236th birthday, America's sons and daughters continue to stand the watch on the frontlines of the war on terror at sea and on foreign shores. While we look at

the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan as predominantly ground engagements, our Navy is there too. Twelve hundred Navy personnel are on the ground in Iraq (200 of these are Reservists), with a total of 21,800 deployed to the region aboard ships at sea, on bases, and air stations in the region supporting Iraq operations. Forty-six hundred sailors and officers are on the ground in Afghanistan and a total of 7,700 are deployed aboard ships at sea, on bases, and air stations in the region supporting Afghanistan operations (Operation Enduring Freedom). One thousand four hundred and thirteen Navy personnel have been killed in action in these conflicts, 576 in Operation Enduring Freedom, 820 in Operation Iraqi Freedom and 17 in Operation New Dawn as the Pentagon now refers to the Iraq war.

This year marks not only the 236th Navy birthday, but also the 100th anniversary of naval aviation. On May 8, 1911, Cpt Washington Irving Chambers, USN, Officer-in-Charge of Aviation, prepared the requisition for the Navy's first aircraft to be purchased from aviator and inventor Glenn H. Curtiss. The Navy is commemorating that historic event throughout the year at its "Navy Weeks," one of which was held in Indianapolis in August.

The 20 Navy Weeks conducted annually across the Nation exemplify the respect and proud heritage that the U.S. Navy commands. Navy Week gives the Navy a chance to show off its heritage and hardware and allows Americans to learn more about their Navy and its heroes.

No matter the cause, location or magnitude of future conflicts, the Nation can rely on its Navy to produce well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated sailors to carry out the missions entrusted to them.

As a Navy veteran myself, I speak with no small measure of pride in calling attention to the significance of the 236th birthday of the U.S. Navy and expressing the appreciation of the people of the United States to the Navy and its men and women who have dedicated 236 years of service. The honor, courage, commitment, and sacrifice that generations of Americans have made throughout the history of the Navy and the sacrifices shared by the extended Navy family of civilians, family members, and loved ones who have served for the past 236 years are extensive and greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BRIAN SCHMIDT

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I speak today in honor of Brian Schmidt, one of three individuals who were awarded the Nobel Prize for physics this week. Dr. Schmidt, of the Australian National University, along with Dr. Adam Reiss, of Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Saul Perlmutter, of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, completed groundbreaking work on the expansion of the universe. The

scientific achievement of these three men deserves to be recognized. I am pleased to acknowledge that the scientific career of Dr. Schmidt was encouraged through his tenure in high school in Alaska.

Dr. Schmidt, originally from Montana, moved to Alaska in 1981, where he attended Bartlett High School in Anchorage, AK, graduating in 1985. At Bartlett, many teachers took note of his academic achievements and strong work ethic, and encouraged him to excel in his studies. Dr. Schmidt has remarked on the great experience he had attending school in Alaska, crediting his high school teachers for helping him cultivate an interest in science that has brought him to where he is today.

After leaving Alaska, Dr. Schmidt attended the University of Arizona, receiving a bachelors of science in both physics and astronomy, before continuing on to receive his doctorate in astronomy at Harvard University. He has since relocated to Australia with his wife Jennie and is a researcher at the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the Australian National University.

Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Reiss, and Dr. Perlmutter are receiving the Nobel Prize for a discovery that has greatly changed the field of astrophysics and made great furloughs into the understanding of dark matter, the term for the force that is driving the universe apart. Conventional understanding was that rate of expansion of the universe has slowed. However, these three scientists turned this theory on its head by proving that, in fact, the rate of expansion is actually accelerating. This change in understanding affects predictions regarding the conditions of future galaxies, and the discovery has been lauded by some as one of the greatest discoveries in science.

Those who knew Dr. Schmidt in Alaska were not surprised to learn of his accomplishment. His teachers at Bartlett knew his intellect and passion for science would take him far. I, along with many others in my State, am proud to recognize this Alaskan who has made valuable contributions to our understanding of the universe.

I offer warm congratulations to Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Reiss, and Dr. Perlmutter on their Nobel Prize and scientific achievements.

REMEMBERING THOMAS P. FOY

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, last Saturday, Thomas P. Foy died at his home in Bayard, NM, a few weeks shy of his 97th birthday. A native of Grant County, he lived most of his outstanding life there, except for the years he spent as a prisoner of war in Japan including the Bataan Death March. It was a life largely devoted to public service and completely devoted to the public good.

The word "survivor" is used rather freely these days, but he and his com-

rades, many of them fellow New Mexicans who managed to live through the horrors of years of internment, deserve the title if anyone does. But Tommy didn't just survive, he triumphed and prospered in a life well-lived.

He had graduated from Notre Dame, and received a law degree from there a year before he joined the New Mexico National Guard in 1940. Assigned to the Philippines, the 200th Coast Artillery Battery surrendered after holding out for 5 months against the Japanese and began their gruesome forced march to prison. In 1945, the war was ended and he was rescued.

His postwar life was full of accomplishment and service. Practicing law, marrying, running for—and winning—public office, founding a bank and raising five children with his wife Joan, and doing it all with a stout, cheerful heart brought him admiration and affection from all quarters. He served in the New Mexico State Legislature for 28 years.

For many of us from Grant County, this is the loss of a beloved family member. My parents, now deceased, and my wife Anne and I certainly share that view. A stalwart figure, he was true to his faith, his family, our country and Notre Dame, and deeply loved and respected in return. He is already greatly missed.

REMEMBERING MAJOR THOMAS E. CLARK

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Air Force Major Thomas E. Clark, from Emporium, PA, whose aircraft was shot down during a combat mission over Laos in 1969.

Thomas graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1963. He served with the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 37th Tactical Flight Wing.

He was the beloved son of Otto and Josephine Schager Clark. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Mottern of Emporium.

On February, 8, 1969, Major Clark was flying an F-100D aircraft from Phu Cat Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, in a flight of four on a combat mission over Laos. The flight engaged a 23mm anti-aircraft artillery battery and his aircraft was hit, burst into flames and crashed. No parachute was observed. Visual and electronic searches detected no sign of life. Subsequent to the incident the U.S. Air Force determined Major Clark to be Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered.

In his career, Major Clark was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Air Medal with Two Oakleaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star.

On October 14-20, 2009, a joint U.S./Laotian team investigated the crash site for the fourth time and recovered a human tooth which was later identified as the remains of Major Clark.

During a ceremony at Emporium, PA, on October 22, 2011, his remains